

Improvements in Handling of Units in Maple 2024

Maple 2024 includes several improvements to the handling of units.

▼ Faster computation with Matrices with Units

- When working with matrices with entries with units, Maple can now perform operations much faster than before. See the [Performance Improvements in Maple 2024](#) help page for details.

▼ The Statistics package

- The [Statistics](#) package deals with many aspects of statistics. Its functionality is divided up into a few large parts. Nearly all commands mentioned on the [Descriptive Statistics](#), [Random Variables](#), and [Distributions](#) help pages will work with units.

```
> with(Statistics):
```

- Using a distribution will verify dimensional consistency of the units involved, and raise an error if the units are inconsistent, either because a particular parameter cannot have a (nontrivial) unit, or because multiple parameters have to agree with each other.

```
> rv1 := RandomVariable(Normal(5*Unit(m), 2*Unit(s)));
```

```
Error, (in Statistics:-Distribution) units problem in parameters for  
distribution Normal; found contradictions {Distribution::(5*Units:-Unit  
(m)), Distribution::(2*Units:-Unit(s))}
```

```
> rv1 := RandomVariable(Normal(5*Unit(m), 3*Unit(ft)));
```

```
rv1 := _R
```

```
> rv2 := RandomVariable(Weibull(5*Unit(m), 2*Unit(m)));
```

```
Error, (in Statistics:-Distribution) units problem in 2nd parameter, 2*  
Units:-Unit(m), for distribution Weibull; found nontrivial unit, but did  
not expect one
```

```
> rv2 := RandomVariable(Weibull(5*Unit(m), 2));
```

```
rv2 := _R0
```

- We can compute various statistical properties of these distributions as follows.

```
> Mean(rv1);
```

```
5 m
```

```
> Variance(rv2);
```

$$\left(25 - \frac{25\pi}{4}\right) \text{m}^2$$

```
> Skewness(rv1 - rv2);
```

$$-\frac{61035156250\sqrt{\pi}(\pi-3)}{(40368949-9765625\pi)^{3/2}}$$

```
> evalf(-\frac{61035156250\sqrt{\pi}(\pi-3)}{(40368949-9765625\pi)^{3/2}});
```

-0.5078727141

- The same commands are used to compute these properties of a data sample.

```
> sample := [.0377*Unit(ft), .578*Unit(ft), 2.05*Unit(ft), 3.60*Unit
(ft), 4.92*Unit(ft), 5.45*Unit(ft), 5.75*Unit(ft), 6.21*Unit(ft),
2.77*Unit(m), 3.41*Unit(m), 4.01*Unit(m), 4.54*Unit(m), 5.41*Unit
(m), 5.54*Unit(m), 5.61*Unit(m), 6.18*Unit(m), 7.21*Unit(m), 9.34*
Unit(m), 13.9*Unit(m), 14.9*Unit(m)];
```

```
sample := [0.0377 ft, 0.578 ft, 2.05 ft, 3.60 ft, 4.92 ft, 5.45 ft, 5.75 ft, 6.21 ft, 2.77 m, 3.41 m, 4.01 m,
4.54 m, 5.41 m, 5.54 m, 5.61 m, 6.18 m, 7.21 m, 9.34 m, 13.9 m, 14.9 m]
```

```
> Mean(sample);
```

15.0157430049500 ft

```
> Variance(sample);
```

189.446615326348 ft²

```
> Skewness(sample);
```

1.18031316013932

- Cumulants of quantities with units are not well-defined. The [Cumulant](#) command checks for this and raises an error if appropriate.

```
> Cumulant(rv1, 3);
```

Error, (in Statistics:-Cumulant) unexpected input: expected R1*Units:-Unit(m) to not have units

```
> distance := 3*Unit(m);
```

distance := 3 m

```
> Cumulant(rv2 / distance, 3);
```

$$\frac{25\sqrt{25}\sqrt{\pi}}{36} - \frac{125\sqrt{\pi}}{18} + \frac{125\pi^{3/2}}{108}$$

```
> evalf(\frac{25\sqrt{25}\sqrt{\pi}}{36} - \frac{125\sqrt{\pi}}{18} + \frac{125\pi^{3/2}}{108});
```

0.290470418

```
> Cumulant(sample, 3);
```

```
Error, (in Statistics:-Cumulant) unexpected input: expected Vector(20, [.1149096000e-1*Units:-Unit(m), .1761744000*Units:-Unit(m), .6248400000*Units:-Unit(m), 1.097280000*Units:-Unit(m), 1.499616000*Units:-Unit(m), 1.661160000*Units:-Unit(m), 1.752600000*Units:-Unit(m), 1.892808000*Units:-Unit(m), 2.77*Units:-Unit(m), 3.41*Units:-Unit(m), 4.01*Units:-Unit(m), 4.54*Units:-Unit(m), 5.41*Units:-Unit(m), 5.54*Units:-Unit(m), 5.61*Units:-Unit(m), 6.18*Units:-Unit(m), 7.21*Units:-Unit(m), 9.34*Units:-Unit(m), 13.9*Units:-Unit(m), 14.9*Units:-Unit(m)]) to not have units
```

- The second argument of the [AbsoluteDeviation](#) command must have the same dimension as the first argument. If it doesn't, an error is raised.

```
> AbsoluteDeviation(sample, 5*Unit(s));
```

```
Error, (in Statistics:-AbsoluteDeviation) unable to convert `s` to `ft`
```

```
> AbsoluteDeviation(sample, 2*Unit(fathom));
```

10.1286139500500 ft

```
> AbsoluteDeviation(rv2, Mean(sample));
```

1.878130286 m

- Covariance is defined for data samples with different dimensions. So is correlation. Note how the covariance has a unit, but the correlation doesn't.

```
> Covariance(rv1 * rv2, rv1 + rv2);
```

$$\left(125 + \frac{40368949\sqrt{\pi}}{625000} - \frac{5\sqrt{25}\sqrt{\pi}\left(5 + \frac{5\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\right)}{2} \right) m^3$$

```
> evalf(  $\left( 125 + \frac{40368949\sqrt{\pi}}{625000} - \frac{5\sqrt{25}\sqrt{\pi}\left(5 + \frac{5\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\right)}{2} \right) m^3$  );
```

30.5302225 m³

```
> Correlation(rv1 * rv2, rv1);
```

$$\frac{1143\sqrt{25}\sqrt{\pi}}{10\sqrt{40368949 - 9765625\pi}}$$

```
> sample2 := [33.15 * Unit(N), 32.92 * Unit(N), 55.91 * Unit(N), 34.00 * Unit(N), 16.81 * Unit(N), 38.74 * Unit(N), 20.80 * Unit(N), -16.14 * Unit(N), 19.70 * Unit(N), 48.93 * Unit(N), 1.10 * Unit(N), 42.43 * Unit(N), 1.53 * Unit(N), -26.54 * Unit(N), 15.59 * Unit(N), 8.764 * Unit(N), -27.57 * Unit(N), -13.60 * Unit(N), -40.35 * Unit(N), -64.21 * Unit(N)];
```

```
sample2 := [33.15 N, 32.92 N, 55.91 N, 34.00 N, 16.81 N, 38.74 N, 20.80 N, -16.14 N, 19.70 N, 48.93 N,  
1.10 N, 42.43 N, 1.53 N, -26.54 N, 15.59 N, 8.764 N, -27.57 N, -13.60 N, -40.35 N, -64.21 N]
```

```
> Covariance(sample, sample2);  
-109.525825439543 J
```

```
> Correlation(sample, sample2);  
-0.813010115206344
```

▼ The IPS system

- Maple supports several so-called systems of units, which are combinations of units that are often used together. The default system is the [SI](#) system. Another system that is often used, especially in North America, is the [FPS](#) (foot-pound-second) system. For Maple 2024, we have added the [IPS](#) (inch-pound-second) system, demonstrated below.

```
> restart;
```

```
> with(Units):
```

```
Automatically loading the Units[Simple] subpackage
```

```
> UseSystem(IPS);
```

```
> velocity := 1*Unit(inch/second);
```

$$velocity := \frac{\text{in}}{\text{s}}$$

```
> mass := 5*Unit(pound);
```

$$mass := 5 \text{ lb}$$

```
> velocity^2 * mass;
```

$$\frac{2540}{196133} \text{ lbf in}$$

- Converting this quantity to the [SI](#) and [FPS](#) system can be done, for example, as follows.

```
> convert( $\frac{2540}{196133} \text{ lbf in}$ , 'system', 'SI');
```

$$\frac{731599133573}{50000000000000} \text{ J}$$

```
> convert( $\frac{2540}{196133} \text{ lbf in}$ , 'system', 'FPS');
```

$$\frac{635}{588399} \text{ lbf ft}$$

- The [IPS](#) system is also available in the [Units Formatting](#) dialog.

- Maple also supports more specialized systems of units.

```
> convert( $\frac{2540}{196133}$  lbin, 'system', 'Atomic');
```

$$3.356155884 \times 10^{14} \text{ E0}$$

```
> convert( $\frac{2540}{196133}$  lbin, 'system', 'ESU');
```

$$\frac{731599133573}{50000000} \text{ erg}$$